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1. TEXT OR OTHER INFORMATION ON A POLISH-INDIA BILATERAL SHIPPING AGREEMENT ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY. WHILE WE ARE ASKING GOI FOR TEXT, WE HAVE FOUND THAT GOI SOURCES ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE DETAILS REGARDING INDIAN RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THAT INDO-POLISH SHIPPING IS REGULATED BY BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT THAT AGREEMENT CALLS FOR 50-50 SHARING OF CARGO. PATTERN FOR INDIAN SHIPPING AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WAS SET BY INDO-SOVIET AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1956 AND RENEGOTIATED THIS YEAR (NEW DELHI 10651). NEW AGREEMENT CONTINUES PROVISION OF EARLIER ONE CALLING FOR EQUAL CARGO SHARES AND EQUALITY OF FREIGHT EARNINGS. SIMILARLY, RECENT NEWS ITEM REPORTED SEPTEMBER 24 INITIALING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF INDO-BULGARIAN SHIPPING AGREEMENT. STORY CON-

TINUES, "THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE AGREEMENT ARE THAT
THE CARGO WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE VESSELS
OF BOTH THE COUNTRIES, AND THAT NO INCOME TAX WILL BE
LEVIED ON THE FREIGHT EARNINGS ON THE CARGO MOVING
BETWEEN THE PORTS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES BY
EITHER PARTY.

3. WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED.
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